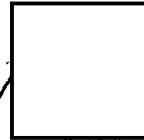


DCI

CONFIDENTIAL

CABINET MEETING

25 February 1982



Please return to:  
SA/DCI/IA

CONFIDENTIAL

DDCI

CABINET MEETING

25 February 1982



Please return to:  
SA/DCI/IA

D

CONFIDENTIAL

24 February 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : SA/DCI/IA

SUBJECT : Cabinet Meeting, 25 February 1982

1. Today's Cabinet meeting will include four agenda items: (1) Presidential Private Sector Survey on Cost Control in the Federal Government; (2) Private Sector Initiative Program; (3) Natural Gas Decontrol; and (4) Foreign Travel.

2. I asked Maury Lipton to look at the paper we received on the first item. He has responded that the concept of a Private Sector Task Force could probably be useful, but it would be difficult for us to participate directly because of the nature of our work. Nevertheless, he believes that we could apply some of the ideas produced by the Task Force.

3. No papers were disseminated on the second topic, and we were unable to learn whether there was anything that we could provide to support you in that discussion.

4. Regarding the decontrol of natural gas, Bob Gates' people have provided you some thoughts on the international implications of a move by the U.S. to decontrol natural gas prices. Bob has highlighted that the expected decline in U.S. gas import demand could free up Algerian gas supplies for Western European consumers. Such a move might also diminish West European interest in a second Yamal pipeline. Finally, the West Europeans would be ecstatic because they have long believed that artificially controlled U.S. gas prices have, in fact, subsidized certain U.S. exports. A copy of the recent DOE study of alternatives to the Natural Gas Policy Act is included for your review.

5. On the last agenda item, we received yesterday a memorandum from the President further controlling travel by senior U.S. officials. In response to the President's December memorandum, we issued a new Headquarters Notice with the aim of reducing travel costs. The President's new memorandum requires officials at the Deputy Director rank or higher to submit proposals for their travel to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs for the President's approval. In discussing this with Harry Fitzwater, he suggested that it would be wise to offer you for your consideration a formal request covering your upcoming trip [redacted]. I am not sure you actually need to submit such a request, but you have it if it proves to be useful.

STAT

25X1

cc: DDCI  
ExDir  
ExSec

CONFIDENTIAL

REV 24 Feb. 1988

25X1